

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4-7, 22, 24, 25, and 57-59, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and add Claims 1-3 as follows. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A displaying method, of acquiring information related to a selected network device of a plurality of network devices, and displaying acquired information of the selected network device, said method comprising:

a first display step of acquiring ~~[[a]]~~ first information related to the selected network device via a network, displaying a device window which is a window allocated to the selected network device, the device window having a first sheet, a second sheet and a designation portion for switching between the first sheet and the second sheet, and displaying the first information on ~~an initial screen of a~~ the first sheet of the device window, ~~which is a window allocated to the selected network device as an initial sheet;~~ and

a second display step of acquiring, in response to a designation of the designation portion by a user request for display of ~~[[a]]~~ the second screen different from the initial screen after displaying the first information sheet, ~~[[a]]~~ second information, which is additional to and different from the first information, from the selected network device via the network and displaying the second information on the second ~~screen~~ sheet.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A network device control apparatus for acquiring information related to a selected network device of a plurality of network devices, and displaying acquired information of the selected network device, comprising:

a first display unit for acquiring ~~[[a]]~~ first information related to the selected network device via a network, displaying a device window which is a window allocated to the selected network device, the device window having a first sheet, a second sheet and a designation portion for switching between the first sheet and the second sheet, and displaying the first information on ~~an initial screen of a~~ the first sheet of the device window, ~~which is a window allocated to the selected network device as an initial sheet;~~ and

a second display unit for acquiring, in response to a designation of the designation portion by a user request for display of ~~[[a]]~~ the second screen different from the initial screen after displaying the first information sheet, ~~[[a]]~~ second information, which is additional to and different from the first information, from the selected network device via the network and displaying the second information on the second ~~screen~~ sheet.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium storing a program for implementing an acquiring method of acquiring information related to a selected network device of a plurality of network devices, and a displaying method of displaying acquired information, the program comprising:

program code for a first display step of acquiring ~~[[a]]~~ first information related to the selected network device via a network, displaying a device window which is a window allocated to the selected network device, the device window having a first sheet, a second sheet and a designation portion for switching between the first sheet and the second sheet, and displaying the first information on ~~an initial screen of a~~ the first sheet of the device window; ~~which is a window allocated to the selected network device as an initial sheet;~~ and

program code for a second display step of acquiring, in response to a designation of the designation portion by a user request for display of ~~[[a]] the second screen different from the initial screen after displaying the first information sheet,~~ [[a]] second information, which is additional to and different from the first information, from the selected network device via the network and displaying the second information on the second ~~screen~~ sheet.

Claims 4-59 (canceled)

Claim 60 (previously presented): A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein said first display step includes forming a list of information required for display of the initial screen, acquiring listed information, and storing the acquired information in a memory.

Claim 61 (canceled)

Claim 62 (previously presented): A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein said second display step includes forming a list of information required for display of the second screen, acquiring listed information, and storing the acquired information in a memory.

Claim 63 (canceled)

Claim 64 (previously presented): A displaying method according to Claim 1, further comprising a determination step of determining whether information is to be acquired

from the selected network device or a memory storing information acquired from the selected network device.

Claim 65 (previously presented): A displaying method according to Claim 64, wherein said first display step or said second display step includes acquiring information from the selected network device, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the selected network device, or acquiring information from the memory, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the memory.

Claim 66 (currently amended): A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein said second display step is executed if a tab, as the designation portion, is clicked on a device window.

Claim 67 (previously presented): A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein the initial screen is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

Claim 68 (previously presented): A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein the second screen is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an

installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

Claim 69 (previously presented): A displaying method according to Claim 1, further comprising a search step of searching for network devices connected to a network and displaying a list of the network devices, wherein said first display step is executed when one of the network devices on the list is selected by a user.

Claims 70-73 (canceled)

Claim 74 (previously presented): An apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising a determination unit for determining whether information is to be acquired from the selected network device or a memory storing information acquired from the selected network device.

Claim 75 (previously presented): An apparatus according to Claim 74, wherein said first display unit or said second display unit acquires information from the selected network device, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the selected network device, or acquires information from the memory, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the memory.

Claim 76 (canceled)

Claim 77 (previously presented): An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the initial screen is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

Claim 78 (previously presented): An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the second screen is a screen that displays status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

Claim 79 (previously presented): An apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising:  
a search unit for searching for network devices connected to a network; and  
a display for displaying a list of the network devices,  
wherein said first display unit executes acquisition of the first information when one of the listed network devices is selected by a user.

Claims 80-83 (canceled)

Claim 84 (previously presented): A recording medium according to Claim 3, further comprising program code for a determination step of determining whether information is

to be acquired from the selected network device or a memory storing information acquired from the selected network device.

Claim 85 (previously presented): A recording medium according to Claim 84, wherein the first display step or the second display step includes acquiring information from the selected network device, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the selected network device, or acquiring information from the memory, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the memory.

Claim 86 (canceled)

Claim 87 (previously presented): A recording medium according to Claim 3, wherein the initial screen is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

Claim 88 (previously presented): A recording medium according to Claim 3, wherein the second screen is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

Claim 89 (previously presented): A recording medium according to Claim 3,  
further comprising:  
program code for a search step of searching for network devices connected to a  
network; and  
program code for a display step of displaying a list of the network devices,  
wherein said first display step is executed when one of the listed network devices  
is selected by a user.